



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday December 17, 2015, 5:30 PM
Fort Worth Central Library, Chappell Room
500 West 3rd Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Members

Jason Lamers (Chair, Place 1)
Gerardo Contreras (Place 2)
Adelaide Leavens (Place 3)

Kyle Jensen (Place 4)
Jackie Barnd (Place 5)
David Hill (Place 6)

Michael O'Brien (Place 7)
Shavina Taylor (Place 8)
Christina Sebastian (Place 9)

Felix Landry, Staff Liaison
Doug Black, Legal

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2015
- III. Announcements by Commissioners and Staff
- IV. Overview of North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign – NCTCOG Staff
 - a. Jeremy Williams presented information about NCTCOG's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign. The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) includes Fort Worth in its Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus States and Cities list. This project received \$690,000 in funding from Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Transportation Enhancement Grant Program in fall of 2014. NCTCOG used the funding to design and execute and education and marketing campaign with the goal to, *"inform, encourage, and educate people of various ages, races, and backgrounds about the benefits of multi-modal transportation and promote a culture of safety around active transportation in the region."* The campaign, titled "Lookout Texans", promotes 21 safety tips divided equally for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Up to this point they've advertised by radio, billboards, transit, print, online, school kits, social media, community events, and community newsletters.
 - b. Some of the commissioners shared additional opportunities for further outreach.
 - c. Jeremy mentioned that they will pursue additional TxDOT funding for additional educational efforts, such as drivers education materials.
- V. Presentation on Pedestrian Project Issues, Challenges, and Funding in High Density Areas - Transportation and Public Works Department.
 - a. The commission passed over this item. TPW had no presentation and the commissioners had no immediate questions.
 - b. The commission asked to have a presentation on this topic prepared for the next PABAC meeting in March. This presentation should include information about the "hot spots" for pedestrian/vehicle accidents and provide the commission with recommendation for what intersections in the city might be targeted for future

funding/improvements. This would help the commission as it considers budget recommendations for FY2017.

VI. Overview Arcadia Trail Extension Project – Clarence Bryant

- a. Mr. Clarence Bryant updated the commission on the progress of a trail project connecting two segments of the Arcadia Trail. The project has approximately \$130,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Construction should commence in July 2016. The scope includes a 10 ft wide paved trail with a pedestrian bridge.
- b. Commissioner Jenson wanted to know how a community can help push through needed improvements regarding to park train extensions. It was suggested that the best way to keep a project moving forward is to work through the respective Council member. Additionally, these types of projects could also be included as part of the Commission's annual budget recommendation to the City Council.
- c. The Commission asked that staff inform the Commission on if there were other park trail extensions—including this north Arcadia Park trail extension—that the Commission should consider as part of its recommendation for the FY2017 budget. The request was made to include this information in staff's presentation to the Commission during the next meeting.

VII. Presentation MTP Update – Julia Ryan

- a. Mrs. Julia Ryan updated the commission about progress on updating the Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP). The process began in April 2015. Staff has conducted three rounds of public meetings for various purposes such as explaining the project, drafting and presenting the design cross sections, conducting a peer cities review, drafting the plan, and making proposed alignment modifications. The MTP vision and goals consists of achieving a balance between safety, mobility, and opportunity. Each project in the plan consists of two basic characteristics: alignment (location) and right-of-way (width). Broadening the currently limited classification system has comprised a significant portion of the update. The hope remains to achieve a more effective approach to implementing context sensitive solutions for Fort Worth's future right-of-way projects. Currently the Resource Panel and Task Force Meetings have January scheduled to view the final draft plan, then the public hearing at Plan Commission in March, with City Council adoption scheduled for April.

VIII. Citizen Presentations – Presentation Hemphill Corridor Task Force – Complete Streets/Bike Lanes Proposal for Hemphill

- a. Mr. Riccetti updated the commission on the current efforts by the Hemphill Corridor Task Force to gain funding and support for restriping Hemphill Street to accommodate three lanes of vehicular traffic with two travel lanes for bicycles as well. Mr. Riccetti cited high levels of neighborhood support, a high level of need, and a high return on investment as great reasons to support the project. Mr. Riccetti also illustrated how this project aligns with the stated goals in the current Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) as well as the current draft MTP. Specifically The Hemphill Corridor Task Force requested PABAC's "strong support of the Hemphill bike lane project, any available financial support, and any available information

from the commission.” Mr. Riccetti also offered to return and present in the future any updates or new information.

- b. Mike Brennan from Fort Worth South Inc mentioned that he has interest in partnering with the Hemphill Task Force to help move the project forward. Mike also mentioned a few other organizations which might also have interest.
- c. The Commission was interested in the Hemphill Task Force working with Fort Worth South, Inc. to discuss partnerships and then asked the group to return to the March meeting with a revised cost estimate to include options for private funding. At that time, the Commission could consider this re-striping as part of its recommendation to the City Council for FY2017.

IX. Request for Future Agenda Items

- a. Presentation of 2014 Bond funds. Specifically what funds have been spent and what funds remain for bike and pedestrian safety projects.
- b. Presentation from staff to cover potential bicycle and pedestrian projects that require funding. This should include those projects proposed by the Commission for FY2016. It should also include a conversation about current unfunded park trail extensions. The presentation should also include a discussion about needed improvements to improve safety in areas where there have been a higher amount of pedestrian/vehicle accidents. This presentation should end with a complete list of recommended projects that the Commission can consider and vote to include in its annual funding recommendation to the City Council.
- c. Richard Riccetti, update on progress with Fort Worth South Inc. and other potential partners.
- d. Road Safety Task Force – Leslie Casey – discussion on the goals of the Road Safety Task Force as well as potential partnerships with the PABAC.
- e. Discussion on signal detection – how does it work, what are our options?
- f. Discussion about submitting an application for bicycle friendly community designation.

X. Adjourn

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